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A NOTE:

I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THIS IS *NOT* A TRANSLATION. I DON'T KNOW JAPANESE! THIS IS AN *INTERPRETATION*: MY PRIMARY GOAL WAS MAKING IT SOUND GOOD IN ENGLISH. THAT SAID, I SPENT MANY HOURS LOOKING UP EVERY WORD IN JISHO.ORG TO MAKE IT AS ACCURATE AS I COULD. BUT IF YOU PREFER TO WAIT FOR A REAL TRANSLATION, I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND. I JUST DIDN'T WANT TO SEE SUCH A PROMISING MANGA FALL BY THE WAYSIDE.

THANK GOD FOR FURIGANA!

I'D LIKE TO DO ANOTHER CHAPTER BUT I'M NOT SURE WHEN OR HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE, SO INSTEAD LET'S PRETEND I'M NOT GOING TO, AND IF I DO IT WILL BE A PLEASANT SURPRISE!

REHOSTING POLICY: I DON'T CARE ABOUT STUFF LIKE THAT SO FEEL FREE TO RESIZE THIS OR PUT IT ANYWHERE. THE ORIGINAL IS ON BATOTO. JUST DON'T REMOVE THIS PAGE OR CLAIM IT AS YOUR OWN WORK. THANKS!

CHAPTER
第2話
AW, MAN
KUSHA-DONO!
O...K...
SEE YOU LATER
NOW THAT YOUR "REHEARSAL" IS FINISHED
LET'S PROCEED TO THE FORTRESS
OH, YOU HAD THOSE TWO WITH YOU. PERFECT!
MAY WE TALK?
BLINK
MIVA-DONO!!!
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
EEK! NO WE'RE NOT!
SO PLEASE DON'T WORRY, YOU'RE PERFECTLY SAFE.
SHUFFLE
WHERE'D THEY COME FROM?!
THE FORTRESS... I GUESS?
OH?
OH WELL ...
FST
FNZT
NOW THAT THE IDENTITY OF THE HOLY MAIDEN HAS BEEN SETTLED, I'LL GUIDE YOU WELL!
WE'VE CONFIRMED THAT HARUKA-SAMA IS THE HOLY MAIDEN, ALTHOUGH AS USUAL THIS THING ISN'T WORKING!
ARE THE WAR PREPA-RATIONS COM-PLETE?
SHAKE SHAKE

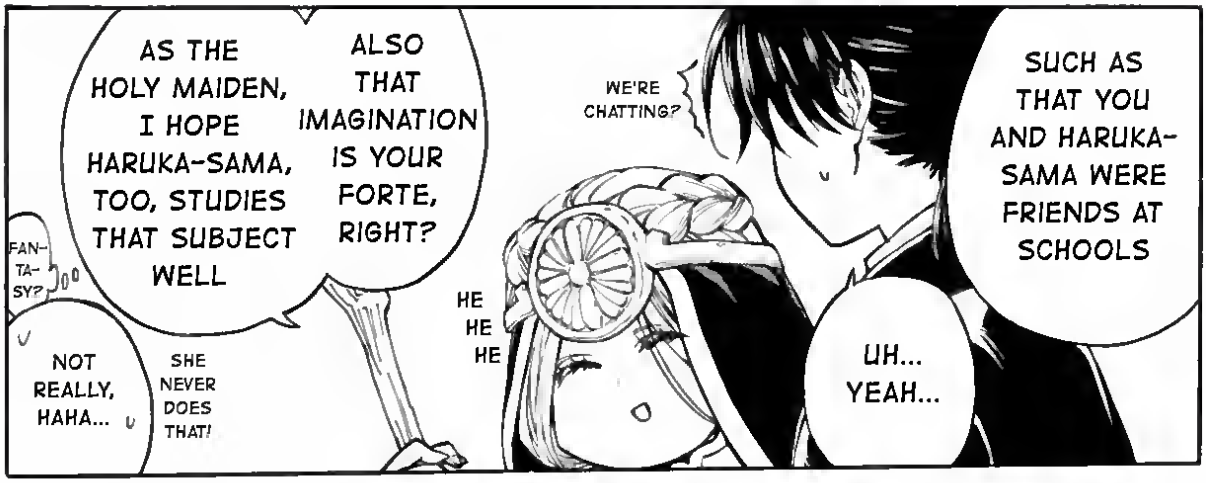
HOW WILL WE BE FINE, I'D LIKE TO KNOW?!
SHE DOESN'T HAVE THE HOLY MAIDEN ABILITY AND WE'RE STILL GOING TO WAR! HOW?!
TENDOU-SAN...
...UM WE'LL BE FINE... ...RIGHT?
FINALLY THE WAR CAN BEGIN, RIGHT?
IT'S OKAY, IT'S OKAY...
EVEN AT THE REHEARSAL A WHILE AGO NOBODY NOTICED ME
BUT IT'S TOO LATE
WELL THEN, LET'S BEGIN WITH THE TRIAL
YES, SIR!
MATE-RIALIZE A SWORD IN MY HAND
THE USUAL IS FINE
OKAAY...
I DIDN'T REVEAL THE TRUTH
HER "HOLY MAIDEN"-HOOD WAS DECIDED

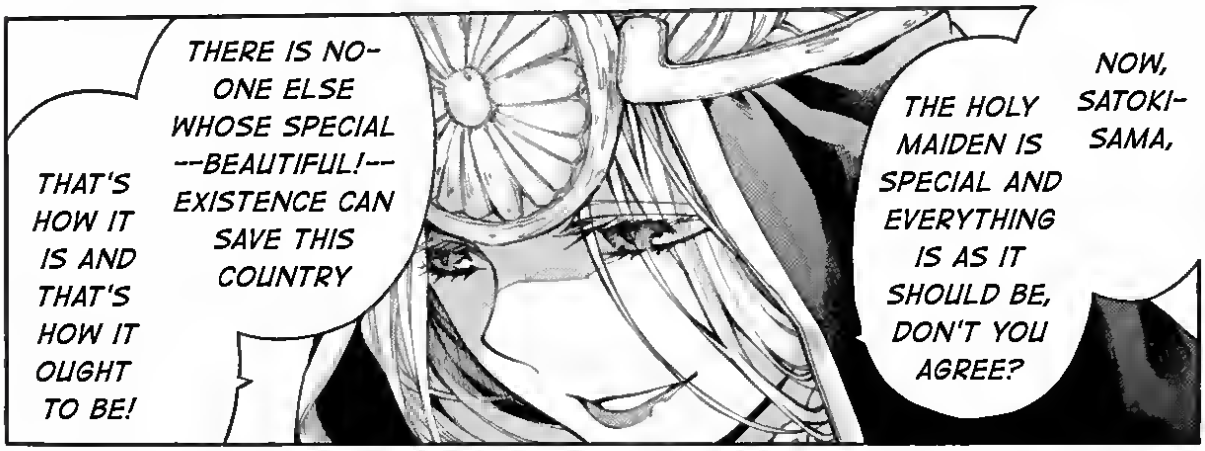
HE HE HE ...
WHEN TENDOU-SAN TRIES TO USE HER ABILITY
I'LL SECRETLY CONJURE IT IN FRONT OF HER TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE SHE WAS SUCCESSFUL!
FAR
SHE DID IT
IF THAT'S HOW IT'S GOING TO BE
"AS FOR THE REST..."*
THE REST IS JUST THE SWORD'S "DETAILS"
W H O O S H
OOH!
THE MATERIA-LIZATION, AT LEAST, IS NO LONGER A PROBLEM
*SHE'S QUOTING A PROVERB THAT SAYS "THE FUTURE WILL TAKE CARE OF ITSELF"
HO HO
HOW IS THIS LIKE THE SWORD IN THE PAINTING?
AS FOR SOMETHING LIKE "PLEASE CONJURE A SWORD FOR THE KING"
RIGHT! I JUST MADE A COPY OF THAT PAINTING, SO IT'S FINE!
I GET IT
I CAN DO IT IF I STICK WITH JUST TWO PEOPLE
IT'S LIMITED TO ONE METER AT THE MOST
THEY'LL FIND OUT IT'S ME MATERIALIZING IT
BEFORE MY EYES
POOF
GIVE ME A MANUAL! A MANUAL!!!
HOW OFTEN AM I GONNA DO THIS?
BUT IF I'M TOO FAR AWAY, I CAN'T MATERIALIZE THE SWORD. THAT COULD BE TROUBLE...!

APPEAR!
NEAR
APPEAR!
NEAR
FAR
THEN HER "CONJURE LOCATION" MUSTN'T BE FAR FROM HER
OR THEY'LL SAY "HER ABILITY WAS A FRAUD"
END OF VISION
WHAT A PROBLEM
I'M STILL WORRIED
BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE
BECAUSE THE "IT WAS TOO AWKWARD TO SAY IT" ALTERNATIVE IS OUT OF THE QUESTION!!!
IT HAS TO BE, BECAUSE OF THE WAR!!!
THERE-FORE
OKAY! WE'LL DEFINITELY MAKE IT!!!
AND I
WILL SET MY HEART ON IT!
THANK YOU?
WHEW~
EXCUSE ME, SHALL WE GO?
STEP STEP STEP
AH?
THAT'S FINE
UH-
UM... THE KING JUST LEFT?

BANG!
WE'RE VERY SORRY
DAMMIT! HAVE I BEEN BLACK-LISTED?!
KUSHA'S...
NO WAY...
SERIOUSLY?!
KU-SHA-DO-NO O O O!
YOU ARE TOO LATE
WE'RE VERY SORRY
HE'S BUSY WITH THE WAR, SO HE CAN'T MEET WITH YOU UNLESS YOU'RE IN HIS INNER CIRCLE.
EH?
WHAT? JUST NOW IT WAS LIKE THAT GUY WAS SILENCED...
NOW THEN, LET'S GO!
scary
SHE'S SO CALLOUS
THE SOLDIERS ARE ALSO WAITING FOR HARUKA-SAMA

THE NEXT DAY
THE PLANNED BATTLEFIELD: FORT GARRIS
... WE'RE HERE...
...YEAH
HARUKA! LET ME SHOW YOU TO YOUR ROOM
AH! YES!
SHIVER
CRAP! I'M SO NERVOUS
GRIND
WHAT? WHERE'S TENDOU-SAN...
.....
WE'VE BEEN HEARING VARIOUS THINGS ABOUT YOU
SATOKI-SAMA, TOO
PLEASE FOLLOW ME
YES, YES


SUCH AS THAT YOU AND HARUKA-SAMA WERE FRIENDS AT SCHOOLS
UH... YEAH...
WE'RE CHATTING?
HE HE HE
ALSO THAT IMAGINATION IS YOUR FORTE, RIGHT?
AS THE HOLY MAIDEN, I HOPE HARUKA-SAMA, TOO, STUDIES THAT SUBJECT WELL
FAN-TA-SY?
NOT REALLY, HAHA...
SHE NEVER DOES THAT!


NOW, SATOKI-SAMA,
THE HOLY MAIDEN IS SPECIAL AND EVERYTHING IS AS IT SHOULD BE, DON'T YOU AGREE?
THERE IS NO-ONE ELSE WHOSE SPECIAL --BEAUTIFUL!-- EXISTENCE CAN SAVE THIS COUNTRY
THAT'S HOW IT IS AND THAT'S HOW IT OUGHT TO BE!

AH! THE KIT-CHEN
BY WHICH I MEAN HERE
YOUR WORK-PLACE

ALTHOUGH I DEFINITELY AGREE
EH... UM...
THAT WAS SUDDEN!
WELL
SATOKI-SAMA, IF YOU'D LIKE TO HELP OUT WITH THE WAR EFFORT
PLEASE ALLOW US TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR KINDNESS

KUSHA-SAMA, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
OH, IT'S FINE
GRAB
EH-?!
I'M JET, THE PROVISIONS SQUAD DEPUTY. NICE TO MEET YOU!
WOW, ANOTHER HOTTIE
LATELY THERE'VE BEEN SO MANY PEOPLE AROUND, WE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH HANDS. IT WAS TERRIBLE!
EH?
AH- REINFORCE-MENTS?
THAT'S GOOD.
WE'RE SAVED!
COULD IT BE
AH- THIS-
NICE TO MEET YOU
wait
hey-
NIGHT
I'VE BEEN SIDELINED?!!
HUH? LISTEN, LISTEN-
DO THE FOOD LIKE THIS AGAIN, LIKE THIS. SIMPLE, RIGHT?

OH MAN, AM I REALLY GONNA HAVE TO DO THIS AGAIN TOMOR-ROW?
BUT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO FOLLOW TENDOU-SAN FROM SUCH A DISTANCE!
ARE WE PREPARED FOR THAT?!
OH NO! THE CASTLE JUST GOT 800 MORE REINFORCE-MENTS!
... UGH
NEVER-ENDING POTATOES
And there's no chance of escape!
A UTENSIL-SHAPED WEA-PON. A UTENSIL-SHAPED WEAPON. A UTENSIL-SHA-PED WEAPON. A WEAPON THAT SOMETIMES SKINS FINGERS. A WEAPON THAT SOMETIMES SKI-NS FINGERS. A WEA-PON THAT SOME-TIMES SKINS FINGERS
APP-EAR!
THAT'S IT!!!
DASH
PANTRY
I'M SORRY, SATOKI, BUT WHEN PEELING POTATOES PLEASE DON'T SLEEP ON THEM.
SERI-OUSLY?! JET'S AN ANGEL!
THAT SAID, PEELING POTATOES IS DIFFICULT.
I'VE NEVER DONE IT WITH A KNIFE
MOUND
AT LEAST IF I HAD THAT...
HAD...
IDEA!
←CLASSIC REPRESENTATION
TIME PASSES...
SCRAPE SCRAPE SCRAPE
I'M DONE!
TA PEE PEEL! LER DA
THAT
THE HOLY MAIDEN ABILITY IS REALLY CONVENIENT!!!
OR, SHOULD I SAY, I'M GOOD AT IT!!!

EH?
SHE'S NOT HERE?
I BELIEVE SHE LEFT ON HER OWN TO GO FOR A WALK JUST NOW
IF YOU SEE HER, PLEASE INFORM ME
.....
THANKS VERY MUCH FOR THE JACKET!
IT'S NEARLY TOMORROW AND I HAVEN'T TALKED TO HER YET
BORROWED (FOR MEN)
EVEN IF IT'S UNLIKELY, I'LL MANAGE SOMEHOW
THANKS, GOOD NIGHT!
ISN'T SHE MAYBE
THE ...ING THAT HOLY MAIDEN
IN THE MIDDLE OF AN EVENT?
BUT ...
NOT IN
BY THE WAY, THIS WALK ...
NOT IN
THE SURGERY WAS FATAL !
YES
NOT IN, HUH?
MAN... NOW WHERE WOULD SHE...
WE'RE ON TOMOR-ROOW!
he he he hee

NOW
HOLY MAIDEN
UH...
UN-DER-STAND
AH-
HERE...
TOMOR-ROW, CHOOSE ME, NOT THE KING
CREATE "THE SWORD" FOR ME!
!!?
SHE IS-
WHAT WAS THAT?!!!
AND ALSO SHE'S WITH THE KNIGHT!
It really was the middle of an event!!!

I CAN'T... DECIDE SUCH A THING ON MY OWN.
!?
HUH? AM I SENSING HER WAVERING?!
SO THAT'S WHAT'S GOING ON. AND HE'S ONLY A KNIGHT. ISN'T THAT INSOLENT IN ANY ERA?
I DON'T THINK ANYONE WOULD ACCEPT THAT KIND OF REQUEST.
AND ISN'T THE BATTLE TOMOR-ROW?!
WHOOSH
WHAT'D SHE HEAR?! WHAT DID HE SAY?!
YOUR "TRUTH" ...
HOW CALLOUS ...
THIS KIND JUST STRET-CHES IT OUT
HOW IS THAT A FLAT-OUT REJEC-TION?!!
YOU'VE BEEN CONFIRMED AS THE HOLY MAIDEN, RIGHT? YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE.
BUT... WHAT YOU SAID JUST NOW...HOW CAN THAT BE TRUE?
EH?
IS THIS
...
I'M BEING
OH!
THE "TRUE NATURE IS RE-VEALED" TYPE OF EVENT?!
GULP
SHOCK

YOU
HEY
YOUR

SOMETHING HAPPENED WHEN THE HOLY MAIDEN FIRST MATERIALIZED THE SWORD
IIIIS IT A MAN OR A WOMAN? BUT IF IT'S A MAN I THINK HE'S PRETTIER THAN A WOMAN. NO, BUT THE VOICE! THE VOICE IS LOVELY! IT MUST BE A MAN MIGHT AS WELL BE
STIRING
...HEY
JUST BETWEEN US
PRETTYYY
THE "HOLY MAIDEN'S EXTRA" IS IT?
GOT A MO-MENT?
FINALLY CAUGHT UP
SUPER CLOSE!
Yes?
What is it?
SUPERRRRR

I regret saying I was there! Please don't ask me about it!
AND YOU WERE NEARBY? WHERE WERE YOU WATCHING FROM?
I THOUGHT FOR SURE I WAS OUT OF DANGER !!!
TURN
eh? um...
MAN, EVERY ONE'S ASKING ABOUT THAT
OH, YEAH, I WAS CLOSE BY, SO I SAW EVERYTHING PERFECTLY!
YE-
THE GOLDEN HILT! THE ELECTRICITY ALONG THE BLADE! THE SWORD LEAPT AND FLASHED!
I BELIEVE IN YOU, HOLY MAIDEN!
WELL, ALL I FEEL IS YOU PUSHING ME!
THERE'S NOTHING TO SAY! GIVING IT TO YOU IS WRONG!
!!!
...BECAUSE YOU WERE IN THE STATUE'S SHADOW!
THAT SHOULDN'T HAVE HINDERED IT...
THAT'S ENOUGH!
O-
RIGHT THERE?
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TEMPLE?
HOLD ON
TIME OUT
I... I CAN'T HEAR
UM
HEY! HOW... WHAT...?
~UH~

TENDOU-SAN!
EVEN SO, IT'S...
IT'S A "RUN AWAY" TYPE DEVELOPMENT!
WHY'D YOU PUT ME ON THE SPOT?!
SORRY! LET'S TALK ANOTHER TIME!
STOP
HA-RU-KA!
STEP STEP STEP...
SORRY
SORRY, I'M IN A HURRY
W...WHAT? YOU DON'T LOOK GOOD, WHAT'S GOING ON?
pant
BE CHILL, BE CHILL, HEAR HER OUT NATURALLY
... YEAH
wheeze
I WAS WONDERING IF WE COULD CHAT A LITTLE
gasp
stagger
HOUMA-SAN...
SHE'S SO FAST

AFTER ALL THAT, SHE'S STILL NOT SURE WHETHER TO CONJURE THE SWORD FOR THE KING OR THE KNIGHT?
THEN WASN'T THAT DEVELOP-MENT TOO HASTY?
BOTH THE KING AND SOMEONE ELSE WANT MY PROMISE
BUT HOW CAN I TELL HIM...
I...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT SOME-THING
IF I MADE YOU WORRY, THAT'D BE BAD, RIGHT?
LISTEN, YOU CAN TELL ME!!!
NO, IT'S FINE, THANKS!
SORRY! I'M DONE COMPLAINING
ANYWAY
I HAVEN'T HEARD THE DETAILS AND CONCLUSION OF THAT CONVER-SATION JUST NOW
I...
OH!
IF YOU WANT, I'LL LISTEN TO YOUR STORY

MAN, I HAVEN'T SLEPT YET. GOOD NIGHT!
WELL, SEE YOU TOMORROW
I'M SO RELIEVED! THANKS!!!
AH- WAIT-
THAT'S WHAT I'D HOPED FOR, BUT... NOT LIKE THIS
THAT'S WHAT I WAS GONNA ASK!
SPEAKING OF COMPLAINTS
I KNOW! WOULD YOU COME WITH ME TOMORROW?
AFTER ALL, I'M A LITTLE ANXIOUS FOR MY FIRST BATTLE. I COULD USE THE EMOTIONAL SUPPORT.
EH? OF COURSE, I'D BE GLAD TO!
AND SO
GO A-WAY
THE HOLY MAIDEN IS STILL ASLEEP
WHERE IS SHE?!!
WITHOUT HAVING TALKED THINGS OUT THAT NIGHT
BATTLE DAY
"WHAT SHOULD I DO?" SHE ASKED, BUT THAT'S REALLY MY PROBLEM

SORRY, HOUMA-SAN! APPARENTLY ANY CLOSER THAN THIS IS DANGEROUS...
SO BE WATCHING AND I'LL DO MY BEST!!!
WHAT I'M SEEING IS A WALL...!!!
NOD
NOD
DON'T TELL ME THIS IS "NEAR BY"!

ROAR
THE PROBLEM'S BIGGER THAN EVER, BUT
HOW DID I END UP LIKE THIS?
PARDON ME
TOSS...
EVEN MORE
OK
DOWNSTAIRS
IT'S ANOTHER ONE IN THE WAY
NO WAY, WAITING AT THIS DISTANCE WON'T SOLVE THE PROBLEM AT ALL...!
THIS WAY TO HARUKA'S VIEWING PLATFORM

HOW CAN I FINISH THIS BATTLE?
CARE-FULLY, PLEASE
DEPLOY MAGIC WALL!
PUT UP THE MAGICAL BARRIER
RUMBLE
OUR COUNTRY'S MAGIC WALL IS STRONGER THAN ANY OTHER'S
AMAZING! ... BUT...
WHOA
THE KING MUST HAVE SAID TO PUT UP A MAGIC SHIELD...

AGAINST AN
IS PROBABLY JUST A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY.
FLOW
BUT STILL, THAT
ENEMY ARMY OF MONSTERS
-VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS DEMON BARRIER
IT'S ANNOY-ING
REAR FANG, GO!
SCREEEE
SMASH IT.

...AND WITHOUT ANY ADVANCE WARNING
HOW IN-HUMANE
I'M SURE THE DEMON BARRIER WILL BE DESTROYED IMMEDIATELY
BUT THAT EVENT IS THE SIGNAL FOR OUR COUNTER-ATTACK
UHOH
KA
BAM
AT THE SOUND OF ITS DESTRUCTION, THE HOLY MAIDEN
WILL GIVE THE SWORD TO ME

BAM
HARUKA-SAMA, THE SWORD!
THE DEMON BARRIER IS BREAKING
I'M DOING IT, BUT...
WHY...
ISN'T IT APPEA-RING...?
GLANCE
WHOOSH
IS IT SOME-WHERE ELSE?
HMM?
IT'S NOT IN HER... IF THAT'S THE CASE
ROAR
WHAT IS IT?

PEEK
!
...
IT'S USELESS! AS I PREDICTED, IT WON'T APPEAR EXCEPT IN FRONT OF ME.
BLINK
BLINK
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
THAT MEANS I CAN'T KEEP UP THE DECEPTION...
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
DON'T FREAK OUT...
IF ONLY I HAD MORE TIME
BUT GIVING UP NOW, SAYING, "I JUST COULDN'T MAKE IT APPEAR"
I CAN'T ACCEPT THAT!
BESIDES-
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM

IT'S USELESS. I'M SO NERVOUS I CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT
THE KING
THERE'S NO TIME! IF I DO NOTHING THE KING WILL BE HURT
BUT IF I MAKE IT APPEAR HERE RIGHT NOW
AaH! Man!
IN SHORT
HOW DO I MAKE THIS RIGHT?!!
BAM